

Department of Energy Western Area Power Administration Colorado River Storage Project for Interconnection, Entitlements, and Operation and Maintenance of Facilities, dated June 1, 1995 (Contract). Public Service states that the purpose of the Contract is to define or clarify the parties entitlements to certain transmission facilities and to set forth their operations and maintenance responsibilities with respect to those facilities. Public Service requests that the Contract be made effective on June 1, 1995.

Comment date: June 27, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

8. Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation

[Docket No. ER95-1161-000]

Take notice that on June 6, 1995, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (Niagara Mohawk), tendered for filing an agreement between Niagara Mohawk and Utility 2000-Energy Corporation (U2000) dated June 5, 1995 providing for certain transmission services to U2000.

Copies of this filing were served upon U2000 and the New York State Public Service Commission.

Comment date: June 27, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

9. Wisconsin Power and Light Company

[Docket No. ER95-1162-000]

Take notice that on June 6, 1995, Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WP&L), tendered for filing an Agreement dated May 11, 1995, establishing Howard Energy Company, Inc. as a customer under the terms of WP&L's Transmission Tariff T-2.

WP&L requests an effective date of May 11, 1995 and accordingly seeks waiver of the Commission's notice requirements. A copy of this filing has been served upon the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

Comment date: June 27, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

10. Northern States Power Company

[Docket No. ER95-1163-000]

Take notice that on June 6, 1995, Northern States Power Company (Minnesota) (NSP), tendered for filing Supplement No. 3 to the original Interconnection and Interchange Agreement between NSP and the City of New Ulm (New Ulm). This Supplement allows New Ulm to purchase supplemental energy from NSP over the period from July 20, 1995 to April 19, 2000.

NSP requests that the Commission accept for filing this Supplement No. 3

effective as of July 20, 1995, and requests waiver of Commission's notice requirements in order for the Supplement to be accepted for filing on that date. NSP requests that this filing be accepted as a supplement to Rate Schedule No. 398, the rate schedule for previously filed agreements between NSP and New Ulm.

Comment date: June 27, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraph

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket Nos. CP95-289-000 and CP95-292-000]

Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Settlement Facilities Projects and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

June 14, 1995.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the facilities proposed in the Settlement Facilities Project.¹ This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether an environmental impact statement is necessary and whether to approve the project.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern) wants to construct and/or replace and operate its facilities in

Georgia and Alabama. The project description follows below:

Project 1

- Replacement of 6.1 miles of its existing 14-inch-diameter Ocmulgee-Atlanta Loop Line with a 30-inch-diameter pipeline from milepost (MP) 50.5 in Henry County, Georgia to MP 56.6 in Clayton County, Georgia; and
- Replacement of 5.7 miles of its existing 12-inch-diameter Macon Branch Line with a 30-inch-diameter pipeline from MPs 15.7 to 10.0, located in Clayton County, Georgia. Southern also proposes to make the following meter station modifications: (1) Modify miscellaneous piping at the South Atlanta Regulator Station and South Atlanta #1 Meter Station; (2) rebuild the Marietta Meter Station with three 8-inch orifice meter runs; and (3) replace the existing metering facilities at the Dallas #2 Meter Station with a 6-inch turbine meter run and appurtenant facilities.

The Project 1 facilities would provide Atlanta Gas Light Company (AGL) with about 100,000 Mcfd of firm transportation service. Southern indicates that the above-described modifications do not provide additional firm capacity to the meter stations serving the Atlanta area; however they do provide additional peak hour capability and enhanced operational flexibility to better serve AGL in the Atlanta area.

Project 2

- Construction of 7.8 miles of 20-inch-diameter South Main 2nd Loop Line from MP 452.1 in Glascock County, Georgia to MP 459.9 in Jefferson County, Georgia.

- Construction of 3.1 miles of 20-inch-diameter South Main 2nd Loop Line from Mps 417.1 to 420.2 located in Baldwin County, Georgia.

The Project 2 facilities would provide an additional 28,000 Mcfd of service to South Carolina Pipeline Corporation (SCPL).

Project 3

- Construction of 7.1 miles of 30-inch-diameter South Main 3rd Loop Line from MP 265.1 in Macon County, Alabama to MP 272.2 in Lee County, Alabama.

The Project 3 facilities would provide an additional 8,000 Mcfd of service to SCPL's affiliate, SCANA Hydrocarbons Inc.

Southern also proposes to abandon by sale to AGL about 122 miles of its 12-inch-diameter Brunswick Line, including six meter stations and one regulator station, more specifically described below.

- 122 miles of 12-inch-diameter pipeline in Laurens, Wheeler, Jeff Davis, Appling, Wayne and Glynn Counties, Georgia. The Brunswick Line begins at MP 53.8 in Laurens County and extends to MP 175.3 in Glynn County;

- Six meter stations: Eastman, Alamo, Hazelhurst, Baxley, Jesup, and Brunswick, which exist in the counties listed above; and

- The Belle Vista Regulator Station.

Southern also seeks authorization to construct a meter station in order to provide a new delivery point to AGL at the existing Eastman Meter Station site near MP 53.8 in Laurens County, Georgia. All work proposed for the construction of the new meter station would be performed within the existing Eastman Meter Station site.

The general location of the project facilities and specific locations for facilities on new sites are shown in appendix 1.²

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require a total of 50.38 acres of land. Following construction, about 0.71 acre would be maintained as new right-of-way. The remaining 49.67 acres of land would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the

proposed projects under these general headings:

- Geology and soils.
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands.
- Vegetation and wildlife.
- Endangered and threatened species.
- Land use.
- Cultural resources.
- Air quality and noise.
- Public safety.

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed projects or portions of the projects, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we recommend that the Commission approve or not approve the project.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Southern. Keep in mind that this is a preliminary list. The list of issues may be added to, subtracted from, or changed based on your comments and our analysis. Issues are:

- 7 residences are within 50 feet of the construction right-of-way;
- 13 federally listed or proposed threatened and endangered species may occur along the proposed project area;
- 24 perennial waterbodies would be crossed by the proposed pipelines; and
- 4.88 acres of wetlands would be affected by the proposed pipelines.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by sending a letter addressing your specific comments or concerns about the project. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative routes and locations) and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please follow the instructions below to ensure that your comments are received and properly recorded:

- Address your letter to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol St., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426;

- Reference Docket Nos. CP95-289-000 and CP95-292-000;

- Send a copy of your letter to: Ms. Kari Schank, EA Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol St., N.E., Room 7312, Washington, DC 20426; and

- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before July 21, 1995.

If you wish to receive a copy of the EA, you should request one from Ms. Schank at the above address.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding or become an "intervenor". Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide copies of its filings to all other parties. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2).

The date for filing of timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by § 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your scoping comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Ms. Kari Schank, EA Project Manager, at (202) 208-0116.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Project Nos. 2525-004, 2592-005, 2522-002, 2546-001, 2560-001, 2581-002]

Wisconsin Public Service Corp.; Notice of Intent To Prepare a Multiple-Project Environmental Impact Statement and To Conduct Site Visits and Public Scoping Meetings

June 14, 1995.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has received applications for new or subsequent license (relicense) from the Wisconsin

²The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, Room 3104, 941 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.